



233 Main Street, East Berlin

1822

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& Hepzibah Galpin (1796-1853)

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1935 Susqui-Centennial Celebration of the Town of Berlin – Berlin Old Houses.

1822 Benjamin Wilcox current owner: William Johnson Main Street East Berlin

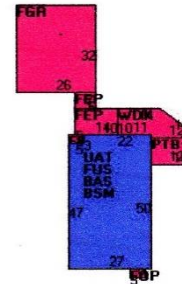
1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut. Survey # 091

1822 Benjamin Wilcox current owner: Gary & Janice Jacobs Greek revival

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1822 current owner: Gary & Janice Jacobs

Sketch



Genealogy

Benjamin married 1st Betsey Savage. He married 2nd Hephsibah Wilcox, who was previously married to Norris Galpin. BPLH Room Card Notes record " With Shubal Pattison, spun cotton yarn which local women wove on hand looms their cotton thread said to be 1st cotton industry in America". He was a large land owner. He lived at 233 Main Street, East Berlin; house built in 1822. BPLH Card Notes record that he had title "Esq.". Card Notes also record that he may be the same Benjamin Wilcox listed on p.183 of "Tinsmiths of CT". BPLH Room Card Notes record that he served as Selectman in 1816, 1841 and 1842 and that he had to be replaced in 1843 when he died. Card Notes record death date 10 MAY 1843; Hale Cemetery Records record 1840. He died at age 61 years. Hale Cemetery Records - p.76 North, Catherine. History of Berlin - p.50

Benjamin Wilcox (17822-1840) son of Samuel Wilcox and Phoebe Dowd (see 182 Main St East Berlin). He married in 1806 to Betsy Savage (1787-1831) daughter of Selah Savage & Elizabeth Porter. They had children: Eliza, Samuel, ad Edward. In 1831 he married second to Hepzibah (1796-1853) , widow of Norris Galpin. He was a Revolutionary War soldier and member of Berlin Congregational Church. They are buried in Wilcox Cemetery

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
 HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM:	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
		Benjamin Wilcox House	
2. TOWN CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Berlin	East Berlin	Hartford	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		17-4/151/41	
233 Main Street			
4. OWNER(S)		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
Jacobs, Gary L. & Janice M. " " East Berlin 06023			
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Residence		Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Vernacular/ Greek Revival-influence		c. 1822	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick chimney	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone foundation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type:	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
10. ROOF (Type)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip	<input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
(Material)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin	<input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
2 1/2		27' x 50'	
12. CONDITION (Structural)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
(Exterior)		<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	WHEN?	(Alterations) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
IF YES, EXPLAIN			
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Indus-trial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			
In an area of East Berlin with a dense concentration of diverse 18th and 19th-century houses.			

DESCRIPTION

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PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER		DATE
	HRC	11/84	
	VIEW	NEGATIVE ON FILE	
	NE	C-27	
COMPILED BY	NAME		DATE
	Historic Resource Consultants		
	The Colt Armory		
	55 Van Dyke Avenue Hartford, Connecticut 06106		
20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:			
<div style="text-align: center;">  </div>			
DESCRIPTION (Continued)	17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)		
	<p>The Benjamin Wilcox House has a three-bay facade with an entry to the right under an open-pediment Colonial Revival hood. The entry features plain pilasters and a later paneled door. Windows have plain board surrounds, and are fitted with old 6-over-6 sash. The house has beaded corner boards. The molded cornice shows no return, but a plain architrave and frieze separated by a central molding have been extended across the rake ends. The tympanum is flushboarded and has a semi-circular attic louver with a molded keyblock surround. The right elevation has front and rear entries and two over-sized first-floor windows. Side elevation sash is a mixture of 6-over-6 and 6-over-12; second floor windows on side elevations are located high under the eaves. The left elevation has a small rear ell.</p>		
SIGNIFICANCE	18 ARCHITECT		BUILDER
	19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE		
	<p>The Benjamin Wilcox house is significant as a good example of an early-19th-century vernacular house with Greek Revival features and Colonial Revival additions (c. 1900). Early-19th-century features include the small-pane sash, the location of the second-floor windows under the eaves, and the beaded corner boards. Greek Revival features include the frieze and architrave carried across the rakes, the gable-end-to-street orientation, and the flushboarded tympanum. These details were intended to suggest the massing and smooth masonry construction of a Classical Greek Temple.</p> <p>Benjamin Wilcox built this house about 1822.</p>		
Tercentenary List			